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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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JCRC NAKHOM PHANOM THAILAND

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E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: MOPS, PFOR, LA

SUBJECT: PW/MIA'S

1. RELATIVE OF AN AMERICAN PW/MIA IN LAOS RECENTLY CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO ITEM IN FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW OF 18 FEB 1974 REPORTING THAT HIDEAKO SAKAMOTO, CORRESPONDENT IN LAOS AND THAILAND FOR KYODO-NEWS SERVICE, HAD BEEN RELEASED BY PATHET LAO (WITH HIS LAO INTERPRETER) AFTER BEING HELD PRISONER FOR THREE MONTHS NEAR MUONG PHINE.

2. WE HAVE FOUND REFERENCE IN FBIS INDICATING SAKAMOTO WAS REPORTED RELEASED JAN. 30 NEAR SAVANNAKHET, NEAR WHERE HE HAD BEEN CAPTURED OCTOBER 30, 1973.

3. WE HAVE NO RECORD HERE THAT SAKAMOTO AND HIS INTERPRETER WERE DEBRIEFED FOLLOWING RELEASE FOR POSSIBLE INFO
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ON AMERICAN PW/MIA'S. WOULD APPRECIATE VIENTIANE'S COMMENT,

AND, IF APPROPRIATE, FOLLOW UP BY BANGKOK OR TOKYO TO
CONTACT SAKAMOTO ON THIS SUBJECT. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE
TOKYO'S CHECKING WHETHER ARTICLES BY OR ABOUT SAKAMOTO
APPEARED IN JAPANESE PRESS.

4. WE ARE CONTACTING JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE TO SEE IF THEY
HAVE REPORT ON SAKAMOTO'S INTERNMENT.

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